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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, NS

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF BAUXITE PRODUCING COUNTRIES

REF: PARAMARIBO 050

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DATE FOR CONAKRY CONFERENCE GIVEN  
IN REFTEL, FEB. 15 - 22, HAS BEEN CHANGED AND THAT CON-  
FERENCE NOW SET TO BEGIN ON MARCH 1. THE POSTPONEMENT  
REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AT THE REQUEST OF AUSTRALIA.

2. THE DELAY IS WELCOME TO THE SURINAM DELEGATION WHOSE  
LEADER, RECENTLY APPOINTED DEVELOPMENT MINISTER CAMBRIDGE,  
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WILL NEED ALL THE TIME HE CAN GET FOR PREPARATION.

HOWEVER, FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET ENUNCIATED AN OFFICIAL BAUXITE POLICY AND THAT THE SURINAM DELEGATION MAY GO TO THE CONAKRY CONFERENCE WITHOUT POLICY GUIDANCE DOES NOT SEEM TO CONCERN CAMBRIDGE SINCE ONLY MATTERS OF ORGANIZATION ARE TO BE DECIDED.

3. NEVERTHELESS, THERE ARE CLEARLY VISIBLE FACTORS WHICH WILL HELP TO DETERMINE SURINAM'S POSITION ON POLICY MATTERS WHICH EVENTUALLY WILL HAVE TO BE FACED. WITH THE ABANDONMENT BY ALCOA OF THE FRENCH GUIANA BAUXITE PROJECT (PARAMARIBO 025) AND THE CONTINUED, IF NOT INCREASING, IFFINESS OF THE REYNOLDS-GOS WEST SURINAM VENTURE, SURINAM'S PROSPECTS FOR INCREASING ITS PRODUCTION OF BAUXITE OR ALUMINUM AT LEAST DURING THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, AND PROBABLY LONGER, ARE NIL. THIS WILL PLACE SURINAM AT ODDS WITH COUNTRIES, SUCH AS AUSTRALIA AND GUINEA, WHOSE INDUSTRIES ARE EXPANDING AND WHO WILL BE INTERESTED IN INCREASING, NOT LIMITING, THEIR SHARE OF THE MARKET. FURTHERMORE, GOS IS ANTICIPATING A VERY SERIOUS BUDGET DEFICIT IN THIS AND PROBABLY SUCCEEDING YEARS. PRESSURE WILL BE GREAT TO WRING AS MUCH REVENUE AS POSSIBLE OUT OF BAUXITE INDUSTRIES, WHICH ALREADY PROVIDE 60-70 PER CENT OF TOTAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOS WILL OBVIOUSLY BE RELUCTANT TO DO ANYTHING TO INTERRUPT OR DIMINISH THE FLOW OF THOSE REVENUES.

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